

1980-2000

09 OCT 2012

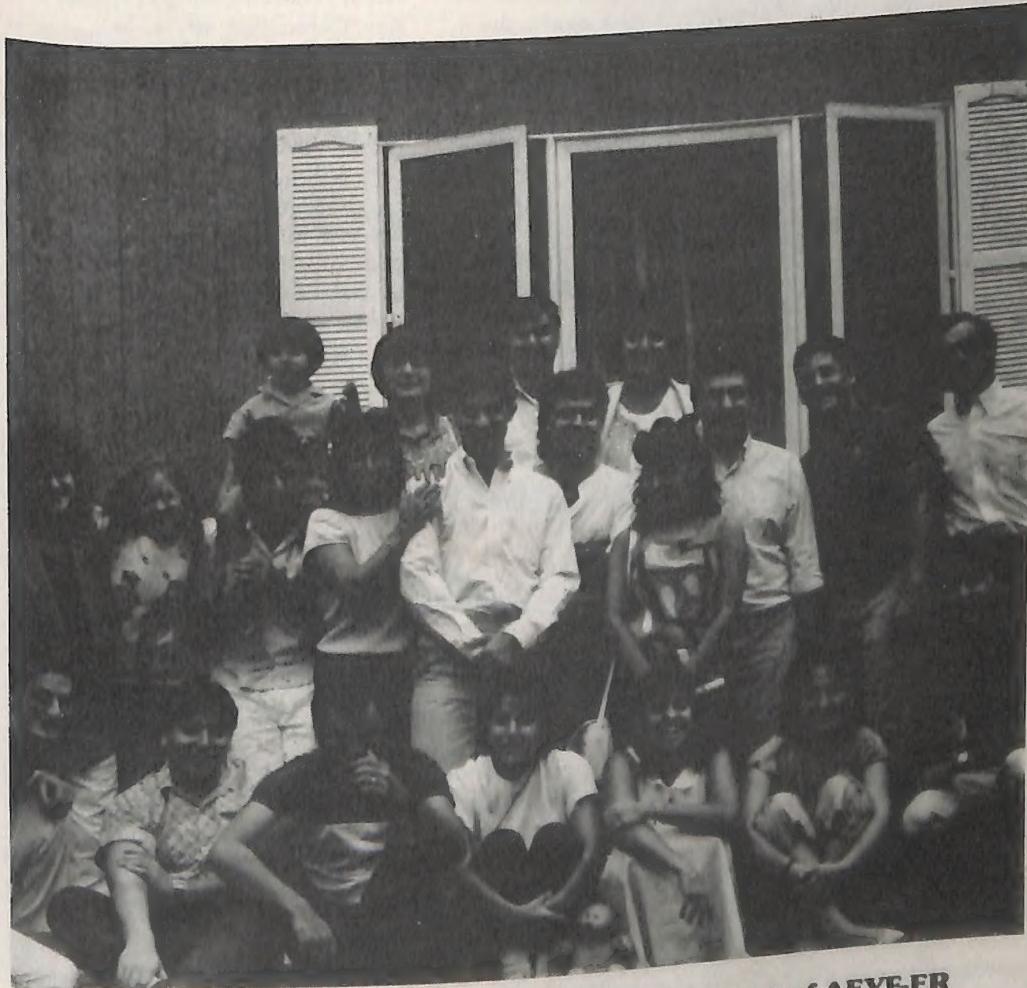


AMAA

News

Publication of the
Armenian Missionary Association of America
140 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652
February, 1988, Vol. XXII, No. 1
Telephone: (201) 265-2607, 2608

Editor:
M.B. Janbazian



Participants in the youth leadership training retreat of AEYF-ER

it did not last very long. The Labour Union Committee had an afterthought and abruptly stopped the strike, thinking some political parties will manipulate the situation to their advantage.

We spent the summer in Anjar. In summer Anjar is a better place to live. Here we have plenty of sweet water and electricity. In Beirut people are suffering from shortages of water and electricity.

Our German Mission friends in Anjar are doing a great humanitarian job. They have 135 boarding students in the Armenian Evangelical Secondary School. They come from different parts of Lebanon and Syria. The German staff has 6 members to run the boarding department. Pastor Mergantz, the General Secretary of Hilfsbund Mission, is here again with his wife and a friend. This is his routine visit to supervise the work and get first hand information by attending the School Board meeting. Anjar Armenian Evangelical Secondary

School this year has 340 students. Pastor Hovhannes Sarmazian is the Principal of the school and also the pastor of the local church. With his wife Mary they shoulder a very responsible and heavy job. Pastor Sarmazian needs badly a capable assistant to help him in the Elementary School.

On November 22 after the church service a memorable event took place on the Campus of Anjar Evangelical School. In recognition of and gratitude for Sister Hedwig's forty years of service and the Hilfsbund Mission's 60 years of service amongst the Armenians, the Alumni of the school unveiled a bust of Sister Hedwig near the Principal's office. The ceremony took place in the presence of Pastor Mergantz, his wife, the local German staff, distinguished guests, teachers, students, and people from the village. Anjar has been a safe place all during the 12 years of Lebanon's civil war because of the Syrian presence.

(Cont. from page 2)

abated as years of civil war have destroyed the political, social and economic fabric of the country. Spiraling inflation and rising unemployment are pushing more and more people to the edge of survival.

Syria—The unresolved Middle East crisis continues to have adverse repercussions in Syria, where the economy is declining, the cost of living rising, and the outbreak of yet another war is an ever-present threat.

Iran—Unending warfare with Iraq and Islamic fanaticism at home are causing indescribable human suffering, particularly in Christian communities. These people live in increasing fear, uncertainty and poverty, and many have become refugees.

Turkey—Emigration from Turkey has reduced the Armenian presence to such an extent that the Armenian Evangelical community is struggling hard to maintain its identity.

France—The Armenian population of France is growing steadily, thanks to the emigration of Armenians from the Middle East. This has necessitated the expansion of churches and church-related activities and ministries.

The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany—There are an estimated 40,000 Armenians, mostly from Turkey, living in

In West Beirut The Armenian Evangelical College continues to educate those youngsters who live in West Beirut under the wise direction of Zaven Misirlian. The number of students is 125. On the 15th of the November the Sunday morning service was dedicated to the opening of the school year. All the students were present. Also, some of the Near East School of Theology students came to attend the service and 6 of them assisted our pastor. Four were blacks from Africa, 2 were white. After the service coffee was served outdoors under a bright warm sun. In the same morning at 11:00 a.m. the church Ladies Association had arranged a public lecture. Emily opened the meeting with a short talk.

The good Lord made it possible to celebrate another Christmas and enter the year of 1988. We thank Him for all His blessings and for keeping us alive for another year.



M.B. Janbazian

mission and service ministry of the AMAA, we urge you, our members and friends, to pray that God will enable the AMAA to meet these and other challenges the Lord has laid before us. And if the spirit moves you, consider a gift to help your missionary organization meet its current budget of \$2.2 million and continue your mission to succor the physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Your tax-deductible donation may be sent to:

Armenian Missionary Association of America
140 Forest Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652

Today as we celebrate the 70 years of

INAUGURATION OF ARMENIAN CULTURAL CENTER IN FRANCE

Rev. Daniel Sahagian, pastor of the Beaumont Armenian Evangelical Church near Lyons, France, reports that his dream of a suitable cultural center at his church has finally come true. November 8, 1987, was the inauguration date of the Ani Cultural Center, located next to the church. The center features an auditorium with a stage and seating for 200 people, a classroom and a suitable kit-

chen. The church, which has about 100 worshippers each week, now has the means to expand its evangelical message through spiritual, cultural and social gatherings. These include Bible study classes, film and music programs, plays, lectures and youth-oriented activities.

On Inauguration Day, the new auditorium was packed and over 100 people were standing outside. Among the guests



Participants in the inaugural service.



The Rev. Jean Daniel Sahagian addressing the guest at the inaugral service.

were Mr. and Mrs. John Abadjan from Belgium; their munificent donation to the center prompted the authorities to name the auditorium after them. Also thanked for their generous donations were the Stephen Philibosian Fund and the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), whose contributions totaled nearly \$40,000, and the Gulbenkian Foundation.

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE MARTYRS CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY

The Armenian Church of the Martyrs in Worcester, Massachusetts, celebrated its 95th anniversary on Sunday, November 8, 1987, with a special worship service in the morning and a banquet in the afternoon. The principal speaker at the banquet was Mr. Sarkis Teshoyan of Worcester, a prominent lawyer and an active figure in Armenian affairs. The banquet also offered a musical program of Armenian and European selections sung by soprano Elizabeth Vitale, accompanied by Ms. Mary Kalashian.

The Armenian Church of the Martyrs is note-worthy in several respects, according to Rev. Manasseh Shnorhokian, pastor of the Church. It is the first Arme-



Armenian Cong'l Church of the Martyrs.

SAHAG-MESROB SCHOOL HOLDS SERVICE OF PRAISE AND DEDICATION

Over 300 people attended a special service that took place at the Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Evangelical School in Glendale, California, on the afternoon of October 25, 1987. The program opened with the national anthem sung by Ms. Elizabeth Pehlivanian, the featured soloist. This was followed by a recitation of the Oath of Allegiance, led by Lara Orchanian, and an opening prayer by Rev. Vahram Tourian.

Mr. Michael Yusufian, on behalf of the school's Board of Directors, thanked Archbishop Datev Sarkissian, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of California, for honoring the occasion with his presence and welcomed the school's benefactors, especially Mr. John Sheen.

The importance and value of the Sahag-Mesrob School was stressed by several speakers, including Archbishop Sarkisian, Dr. Jack Sheen, a renowned plastic surgeon and son of Mr. John Sheen, Mr. Michael Antonovich of Los Angeles, and the distinguished Armenian poet, Jacques Hagopian. Interspersed among the addresses were several musical selections featuring the lovely voice of Ms. Elizabeth Pehlivanian, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Arpie Barsumian. Among the selections were several Armenian sharagans, including "Soorp, Soorp."

The program concluded with scripture readings in English by Rev. Hovsep Matossian and in Armenian by Rev. John Melkonian, after which Rev. Habib Alajani said a closing prayer. Finally, Ms. Pehlivanian led the singing of the Hayr Mer and Rev. Hagop Janbazian gave the benediction.



Benefactor John Sheen (seated) with Dr. and Mrs. Jack Sheen and the leadership of the Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School.



Guests of Honor: Left to right—Dr. and Mrs. Jack Sheen, Mrs. Rose Kherimian, Benefactor John Sheen and Archbishop Datev Sarkissian.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DROPS

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, on June 9-17, 1987, learned from a report that the Church had lost 40,738 members in 1986, bringing the number of Presbyterians (U.S.A.) down to 3,016,488. There has also been a loss in Church School enrollment of

20,941, bringing it to 1,112,246.

Among the highlights of the Assembly was a paper on "A Theological Understanding of the Relationship Between Christians and Jesus." Upon strong objections by Presbyterian Christians living in Arab countries to the original orientation of the document, the Assembly

adopted the paper only after extensive revision by the Assembly Committee on Catholicity and Inter-faith Relations. The revised document, now a study paper rather than a position statement, treats the political problems posed by the State of Israel in a way that makes it a more acceptable basis for dialogue with Christians in Arab countries.

LETTERS

Thanks for the Bibles

On behalf of the graduating class at A.G.B.U. Marie Manoogian High School, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your kind gesture of donating to each one of us a Bible.

The Armenian Holy Bible will be cherished throughout our lives.

Class of '88

*A.G.B.U. Marie Manoogian School
Dana Harmandyan*

Jalin Korkadian

Lana Boyadjian

Ruth Davis

Adje Konyan

Tanya Grassey

Laura A. Manoogian

Jahn VT A. Lavan

Remembering Heghinian

The obituary on Marie Heghinian in your December, 1987, issue is of special interest to me. Even though I never had the pleasure of meeting Miss Heghinian, my sister, Annette V. Terzian, Scientific Editor at the UCLA Medical School, knew her when she was at Mount Holyoke College. Miss Heghinian was a pioneer in introducing classes in Modern Dance at Holyoke while continuing with her own work with such luminaries as Martha Graham and Mary Wigman as well as keeping up with modern dance instruction in Europe.

At the time, Marie Heghinian was the only faculty member at Holyoke who was of Armenian background. And my sister was the first recipient of the Hagop Bogolian scholarship from New York City, which was established at Holyoke specifically for Armenian students. Miss Heghinian was cognizant of my sister's accomplishment and was generous with her time: she went out of her way to make my sister feel at home in a traditional New England background that the prestigious college represented. We felt that it was very kind of Miss Heghinian to extend a friendly hand to a student of Armenian heritage who was benefiting from the legacy of Hagop Bogolian.

*Shoghig Sherry Terzian
Los Angeles, CA*

CAMP AREV

Camp Arev is a summer camping experience, sponsored by Armenian Evangelical Churches in California, designed for Armenian children in High School and Junior High. In 1987 nearly 200 youth were accommodated at the Camp El Camino Pines facility in Frazier Park, California, rented from the Lutheran Bible Camp Association for a two-week period; a larger enrollment is expected next year.

According to Patricia Hakimian, the Camp Director, "The 1987 season was a success not because of the increased number of campers, or because we almost are breaking even in expenses vs income. Camp Arev was a success because lives were touched with the Gospel of Christ... This is why Camp Arev is a successful ministry of the AEUNA. It is (our) prayer that the Lord will continue to work in the lives of the campers and that in His timing He will provide our own campground where the Union's camping ministry can be carried out all year round."



Greg and Patricia Hakimian, the pioneers of the Camp Arev program.

CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT NEARS 5,000

Mr. Gabriel Injejkian, principal of the Ferrahian High School, has compiled the following attendance data for Armenian day schools in California:

Founding Date	School	Grades	Students
1969	Alex Pilobos	Nursery - 12th grade	754
1976	Chamlian	Nursery - 9th grade	700
1964	Ferrahian	Nursery - 12th grade	650
1965	Mesrobian	Nursery - 12th grade	525
1976	Mary Manoogian	Nursery - 12th grade	478
1979	Mekhitarian	Nursery - 8th grade	302
1982	Meridian	Nursery - 8th grade	257
1981	Dickranian	Nursery - 10th grade	250
1980	Sahag Mesrob	Nursery - 8th grade	230
1980	Krouzian-Zekarian	Nursery - 8th grade	150
1984	St. Gregory	Nursery - 6th grade	140
1982	Arm. Sisters'	Nursery - 2nd grade	105
1986	Barouyr Sevag	Nursery - 5th grade	100
1977	Fresno Community	Nursery - 6th grade	85
1986	Ari Minassian	Nursery - 3rd grade	72
			4798

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT PROGRAM

One of the goals of the Armenian Missionary Association (AMAA) is to foster greater participation by Armenian evangelical youth in their church activities. With this goal in mind, the AMAA underwrites, through the joint Home Mission Committee, the ministry of the Rev. John Mokkosian, who serves the youth groups of the Armenian Evangelical churches in the Eastern States.

On the weekend of August 21-23, 1987, 19 young people representing various Armenian churches attended a leadership program at the home of Rev. Mokkosian. The purpose of the program was to help develop future leaders for our churches. Ms. Judi Hamparian, one of the participants, describes her experiences as follows: "We discussed the qualities of a leader and the type of leadership that is needed within our own congregation. We also discussed the importance of a leader to develop a vision. We finished up on Sunday by having each person examine his or her church and its needs. We then proceeded to identify a vision for our church and a strategic plan to carry out this vision. . . I am very excited about the program and the potential impact that it could have."

JOHN S. BOGOSIAN HONORED

John S. Bogosian, Life Member and Endowed Funder of the AMAA, recently received the Joseph Ehrenreich Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee.

He was honored at a dinner of the American Jewish Committee at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City on December 7, 1987.

The Ehrenreich Human Relations Award, one of the Committee's most prestigious tributes, is presented to those in the photographic industry whose records of achievement are marked by compassion and effective leadership.

Bogosian founded The Camera Shop, Inc., 30 years ago in Broomall, PA. Even



Mr. and Mrs. John Bogosian

though the chain has stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, his original store is still operating successfully.

Bogosian has been active in the Small Business Administration and is a past chairman of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. He is President-elect of the Photo Marketing Association.

In addition to business leadership, he has been active in inter-religious groups throughout the Delaware Valley and on a national scale. Because of his interest in education, he has quietly provided schools in the area with camera equipment and computers.

He was cited for contributing cameras and supplies to "The Peopling of Philadelphia" program, a collaborative educational effort sponsored by the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, the Atwater Kent Museum, The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, The Philadelphia Maritime Museum, The National Museum of American-Jewish History and the Independence National Historic Park.

He was elected a delegate to the National White House Conference on Small Business, representing Pennsylvania, held in Washington, D.C., in 1980 and 1986.

ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED

One of the generous supporters of the AMAA reminded us recently that the Ellis Island Museum, scheduled to open in 1989, is looking for items to include in its exhibits. These include photographs, clothing, documents or other mementos that immigrants brought with them between 1892, when Ellis Island began processing immigrants, and 1924, when the waves of immigrants began to decline.

In the words of our member, "this is a wonderful opportunity for the children and grandchildren of our Armenian immigrants to hand over items brought to this country when passing through Ellis Island. Such items will eventually become lost. In this museum they will be admired and enjoyed by many. Names of the families contributing these gifts will be noted. A description of the items, where they came from, family names and some historical references may be included with the items."

Anyone interested in donating to the museum should write to:

The Registrar

Metaform / Rathe / D&P
15 East 26th Street
New York, NY 10010

All correspondence, we are told, will be acknowledged.

HAIG TUSOOSIAN

Haig Tusosian was born in College Point, New York, on September 8, 1898. He died nearly 88 years later in Modesto, California. In his later years, Haig decided to write down his family history. He begins his story with an anecdote about his great-grandfather in 1822 and continues, episodically, until his retirement years in California.

Haig's book, "The Roots and History of the Tusosian Family", consists of about 60 typewritten pages along with 18 photographs. His chapters are titled as follows:

1. Our Family Roots & History
2. Our Move to California
3. The Little Armenian Church in Wahtoke
4. Now Back to New Jersey
5. Uncle Harry Moves to California



Haig Tusosian



The Rev. Berdj Djambazian

pose is to bring, via television, the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the estimated 400,000 Armenians living in California.

The programs, which are broadcast bi-weekly, consist of musical selections and spiritual messages. Since the first program was televised on February 22, 1987, hundreds of responses have been received expressing appreciation of and support for the programs.

This project is under the supervision of the AEUNA Evangelism Committee, chaired by the Rev. Berdj Djambazian of Reseda, California.

ARDA JANICE MELKONIAN



Arda Melkonian

Hayaved Tzain ("The Voice of Armenian Evangelism") is a new project, funded by the AMAA, of the AEUNA/AMAA Joint Home Missions Committee. It's pur-

posium, sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency, is attended by about 500 top university students from all over the United States.

Arda was Valedictorian at her high school graduation, having achieved a grade point average of 4.0. She was the recipient of numerous awards recognizing her scholastic ability and citizenship. At Pasadena City College, Arda is currently President of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the highest honorary scholarship society at the junior college level, and is active in student affairs.

Arda plans to transfer to UCLA and major in mathematics. She is the daughter of Rev. John and Jeanette Melkonian.

ENOCH AND MARY KASHISHIAN



Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Kashishian

Mr. Enoch and Mrs. Mary Kashishian of Parlier, CA, long-time life members and supporters of the ministries of the AMAA, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the AMAA extend warm and special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kashishian, praying that God will bless them with many more years of happy and healthy life together.

ՎԵՐԱՊԱՏՈՒԵԼԻ ԱՀԱՐՈՆԵԱՆԻ ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿԻՆ

Խոստացուած պաշտամունքը պատշաճ չուքով կառարուեցաւ 6 Դեկտեմբեր, Կիրակի առողջ ժամը 11:30ին, Հայ Աւետ Եկեղեցին մէջ, Եշրէֆիէ: Վեր Յովէ. Ահարոնեանի յիշատակը յարգող հարազատներ անդամ մը եւս ունեցան պատեհութիւնը հրապարակաւ փառք տալու Աստուծոյ՝ Միութեան այս ծառային համար, որ երկար տարիներ գտնուած է առաջնորդող դիրքի վրայ, վարչական, կրթական, մանաւանդ՝ աստուծածարանական ուսումնական մարզերու պատրաստութեան մարզերուն մէջ:

Պաշտամունքին մէջ բաժին վերցուցին Միութեան Նախագահ՝ Վեր Յովէ. Գարձեանի զատ, Ն. Ս. Օ. Տ. Տ. Գարեգին Բ. Կաթողիկոս, Աւետ. Գերագոյն Խորհուրդի Նախագահ եւ Արար Աւետ. սինոսի Ընդէ. Քարտուղար՝ Վեր. Դոկտ. Եղիմ Սահեռունի, Աստուծածարանական Ճեմարանի Նախագահ՝ Վեր. Վանիս Սէման, Վերք. Արքահամ Սարգիսեան, Մկրտիչ Գարակօղեան, Գրիգոր Եռումուշագեան եւ Տիար Արամ Սարգիսեան: Վերք. Պարգև Արարդեան (Հալէպ) եւ Յովէ. Արմագեան (Այնձար) չկրցան ներկայ ըլլա:

Երիտասարդական երգչախումբը, ղեկավարութեամբ Տիար Ներսէս Պալապանեանի, սատորեց փառաբանութեան հոգիին ներկայութեան գիտակցութեան: Դաշնակի վրայ էր Տիկ. Սեւան Պալապանեան: Փառք կուտանք Աստուծոյ՝ յիշատակի այս պաշտամունքին համար:

ԲԱՐԻՔ ԸՐԵ

Բարիք ըրէ, որպէս Բարի Սամարացին,
Ազ ու ձախին՝ ծանօթ-օտար կարուեալին,
Մօս դրացոյն կամ ոսխին անխորաբար,
Այս է ճամբան, Տէր Յիսուս օրինակ առ:

Յիսուս երկնից փառք ու դիրքը աստուծափան՝
Թողուց, դարձաւ մարդ իրական յօժարաբար,
Որ ծառայէ անօթիին ու հիւսնդին,
Փոխէտ, ուղղէ մարդոց կեանքերն հիւսնդագին:

Սուպենալեր հետեւեցան Տէր Յիսուսի,
Սուրբ Հոգիով դարձան ուսի-լոյսի լոյսի,
Երկար դարեր սուրբեր համայն սուրբեր համայն
սիրագորով
Նետեցին բարի լուրջ կեանք ու խօսքով:

Արդ դուն եւ ես խօսք-կեանք-վարքով՝ պարտինք
գործել,
Տէրոց խօսքով, սուրբ կենցաղով ու քարոզել,
Սէր-հաւատրով, Սուրբ Հոգիով փրկել կեանքեր,
Խլել մեղքեն մարդիկ ինկած հէզ մեղսաւել:

Ա. Գ. ԺԻԶՄԵԶԵՍՆ



ՀԱՅԵՐԵՆ ԱՍՏՈՒԾԱՇՈՒԽ ՄԵԾ ՏԱՐԵՐՈՎ

Հաճոյքով կը հաղորդենք թէ այժմ Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան գրատունէն կարելի է ստանալ հայերէն մեծատառ Աստուծաշունչեր եւ նոր Կոտակարաններ: Աստուծաշունչի այս աննախընթաց տպագրութիւնը պատրաստուած է Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան կարգադրութեամբ, յատկապէս դիւրացնելու Աստուծոյ Խօսքին ընթերցումը մեր տարեց սերունդին, ինչպէս նաև բոլոր անոնց համար որոնք նոր կը սորվին Հայ լեզուն:

Լման Աստուծաշունչի իրաքանչիւր օրինակի գինն է 18 տոլար (No. 13K):

Նոր Կոտակարանի իրաքանչիւր օրինակի գինն է 6 տոլար (No. 13L):

Որպէս առաքումի ծախք աւելցուցէք՝
1.75 տոլար առաջին օրինակին եւ 75 սենի
իւրաքանչիւր յաւելեալ օրինակի համար

OBITUARIES

Sympathies extended:—The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, and the members of the staff, all of whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sincere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, transmitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.

DR. AUGUST P. HOVNANIAN

On December 16, 1987, Dr. August P. Hovnanian, a longtime member of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, died at his apartment in Cleveland, Ohio, of natural causes at the age of 72. He had not been well and was retired for several years. The passing away of this truly outstanding surgeon (he was Fellow of the American Board of Surgery, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and Fellow of the International College of Surgeons) brings to an end a brilliant surgical career that included the devising of numerous oncology-associated singular reconstructive surgical procedures.

His unique surgical techniques are cited by surgeon-authors such as: (1) Beattie and Economou in *Atlas of Advanced Surgical Techniques* on "The Hovnanian Technique," Publisher: Saunders, (2) Crenshaw, in *Campbell's Operative Orthopedics*, again on "The Hovnanian Technique," Publisher: C. V. Mosby; and (3) Tashdjian, in *Pediatric Orthopedics*, similarly on "The Hovnanian Technique," Publisher: Saunders.

Dr. August Hovnanian's medical/surgical accomplishments are too voluminous to count. After he graduated with an M.D. degree from the American University of Beirut Medical School in 1937, and following his internships and residency there, he became Chief of Surgery at the famed Altounyan Hospital in Aleppo, Syria, his hometown. At the conclusion of World War II, he was appointed British Council Scholar in Surgery and worked under Dr. Ian Aird in London, England. Following this, he was appointed Rockefeller Scholar in Surgery at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. He then taught at Albany Medical School, the American University of Beirut Medical School and, as Associate Professor of Cardiovascular Surgical Research, at the Chicago Medical College for about ten years.

He had grants from Damon Runyon, National Institute of Health, American Cancer Society, Society of Gastro-enterology, etc. He was Editor of *International Surgery of the Journal of Surgical Oncology and Surgical Research*. His hospital appointments are vast in number and broad in geographical distribution.

Dr. August will be greatly missed by his family, relatives, former students, patients, colleagues and friends.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, which gifts will be used for Aleppo College and Haigazian College. Also, a memorial service will be held at the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York in early 1988.

DICRAN ABRAHAM BERBERIAN



Dr. Dicran Berberian

Internationally acclaimed research scientist and physician Dr. Dicran Abraham Berberian, 84, of Loudonville, N.Y., died Wednesday, November 11, 1987, at Memorial Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness. A memorial service was held at the Loudonville Community Church, on Friday, November 27, 1987, with Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian, and Rev. Curtis Morgan, past and present pastors of the church, participating. Dr. Berberian was one of the charter members and first chairman of the Loudonville congregation. Subsequently, he was a member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Elders, and a Sunday School teacher until his eighties.

Born to an itinerant preacher, Rev. Abraham Berberian, and Shamiran Nalban-

dian Berberian, in a village in central Turkey, Dr. Berberian was orphaned at the age of 16 when most of his family were killed during the massacre of Armenians after the Franco-Turkish War of Marash in 1920. Dr. Berberian made his way to Beirut, Lebanon, where he entered the American University of Beirut under a special program for refugees, graduating cum laude in medicine in 1930. He was awarded a Rockefeller Fellowship for advanced study in parasitology and tropical medicine in London, Paris, and Rome. He went on to become Professor of Microbiology at the American University in Beirut, and Director of the University Medical Center's Microbiology Laboratory.

Mr. Garabedian, became president of Paul Garabedian & Sons Construction Co. in Salem eight years ago. "I would have to classify him as an energetic businessman. He was a very kind and gentle person with a big heart and was a sincere and dedicated family man," said Howard Glynn, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Born in Lawrence, Mass., on October 9, 1950, Mr. Garabedian was a graduate of Salem High School and the Andover Institute of Business. He was a former resident of Millville Street in Salem.

An active member of the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church in Salem, Mr. Garabedian was chairman of the Diaconate and served on the Board of Trustees.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Perry)

Garabedian; two daughters, Jessica and Paula

Garabedian, both of Salem; his mother, Mrs.

Veronica Garabedian; two brothers, Paul

Garabedian Jr. and Charles Garabedian, both

of Salem; and several aunts, uncles, nieces,

and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday,

May 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ararat Armenian

Congregational Church, 4 Salem Street,

Salem, with burial following in Pine Grove

Cemetery, Salem.

TABETA KALAGIAN



Ms. Tabeta Kalagian died on November 30,

1987, after a brief illness, in Albany, New York. Tabeta and her family came from Adana to the United States as survivors of the Armenian genocide and settled in Troy, New York. She was educated in the Troy school system and made Troy her home thereafter. She worked for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, retiring after 33 years of service.

Instead of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Loudonville Community Church, or to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 07652, of which Dr. Berberian was a board member in previous years.

JACK GARABEDIAN

Jack "Jackie" Garabedian, 36, died of cancer at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in

Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Garabedian, became president of Paul Garabedian & Sons Construction Co. in Salem eight years ago.

"I would have to classify him as an energetic businessman. He was a very kind and gentle person with a big heart and was a sincere and dedicated family man," said Howard Glynn, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Born in Lawrence, Mass., on October 9,

1950, Mr. Garabedian was a graduate of

Salem High School and the Andover Institute

of Business. He was a former resident of

Millville Street in Salem.

An active member of the Ararat Armenian

Congregational Church in Salem, Mr. Garabedian was chairman of the Diaconate and

served on the Board of Trustees.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Perry)

Garabedian; two daughters, Jessica and Paula

Garabedian, both of Salem; his mother, Mrs.

Veronica Garabedian; two brothers, Paul

Garabedian Jr. and Charles Garabedian, both

of Salem; and several aunts, uncles, nieces,

and nephews.

ributors to the AMAA. Tabeta sang in her church choir for over 20 years and also acted as church treasurer.

Funeral services for Tabeta were held at the church she loved and served so faithfully. She is survived by a sister, Beatrice.

JOHN Y. ISKIAN



John Y. Iskian

John Y. Iskian of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, died on February 25, 1987, in White Plains, New York. He had been in ill health for over five years. His parents were the late Yervant and Aroussiaq Iskian, who were active members of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York.

John Iskian was born in Ankara, Turkey, in 1901. He attended Robert College in Istanbul, where he excelled in oratory and public speaking. His studies were interrupted by the upheaval in Turkey and he and his family were then forced to leave their home. After arriving in the United States in 1923, he continued his studies at Columbia University, New York, and graduated from the School of Business with honors.

Following the family tradition, he was the fourth generation to specialize in oriental rugs and antiques. For over fifty years, he was established in Oklahoma City, where he maintained one of the finest collections in the southwest. His expertise, a profound love of the subject and the ability to communicate with an audience made him a favored speaker over the years in many places, including several museums, throughout the country.

Although John Iskian lived far from any Armenian community for a long time, he never lost his identity and was always proud of his Armenian heritage. His wife, Bonnie, died in 1969. He is survived by two sisters and a brother: Marie Tevonian, Anahid Iskian and Albert Iskian.

MARY KIRAZIAN

Mary Kirazian passed away in California on May 7, 1987. The following tribute, slightly edited, was written by her grandson Michael Noorigian:

Mary, our dear mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother, was born Mary Bohigian in Aleppo, Syria. Mary's real date of birth is not known, as the vital records of the Armenian community at that time were destroyed when the church housing them was burned down. The birth date on her passport reads January 1, 1900.

In February, 1919, Mary married Garabed Kirazian of Nigda, Turkey. They lived in Aleppo for about six months, then fled to France to escape the Turkish massacres. After spending a year in Marseilles, France, they came to the United States in 1921.

Mary and Garabed lived in New Jersey and Chicago before moving on to California. There Garabed started his own business and acquired three small rental properties. Both Mary and Garabed became United States citizens in 1942. The following year Garabed, not yet 50 years old, succumbed to cancer.

Mary was faced with the task of raising five children—daughters Anne, Sadie, Martha and Elizabeth and son Charles—by herself. Her great devotion to the Lord and His Holy Word was a comfort to her. Mary was a thrifty woman. Her wise management of her rental income enabled her to remain at home to provide love, companionship and guidance to her children.

Mary was a prominent figure in the early history and growth of the Immanuel Congregational Church of Downey, California. She immersed herself in its many projects and missions and was always busy in the church kitchen. She served as a Deaconess in her beloved church and was a former 'Mother of the Year.'

Mary did not believe in being a stranger. She talked to everyone—in the market, at the bank, on the street. No one who spoke with Mary for more than five minutes could ever forget her. Even in old age she retained a sharp mind. Mary was always a giver, never a taker.

Mary's family has grown to include 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The day before she passed away she spoke with pleasure about the prospect of seeing her 12th great-grandchild whose birth was expected in a few months.

Mary lived a full, honorable life. She was fair, unselfish and kind to all. Mary lived her Christianity, she did not just talk about it. She has left many rich memories. She will be greatly missed.

Mary Kirazian supported the AMAA's Child Education Program for more than 30 years.



Mariam Atanigian

Mariam Atanigian was born in 1900 in Mouradja (Province of Boursa), Turkey. She was one of four daughters of Khachig and Marika Charchigian. Her sisters were: Tifarig, Ousanna and Areknal.

In 1915, Mariam was deported, together with her family, to the desert of Der-el-Zor. Thanks to the protection received from good-hearted people, she and two of her sisters survived the massacres.

In 1916, Mariam married Artake Atanigian, a volunteer soldier in the Armenian Legion of the French Army. They were blessed by four children: Angel, Arpine and Marika of Beirut, Lebanon; and Hrant of Los Angeles, California.

ARMENOUEHI SETIAN SOURAMIAN

Armenouhi Setian Souramian passed away on November 28, 1987, in Rhode Island. She was 87 years old.

She was born into a well-to-do family in Armenia and suffered through the massacres and deportations.

She married Zakar Setian and came to the United States in the 1920's. They had three children: Leo Setian of Arkansas; Richard Setian of California, and Margaret Nalbandian of Rhode Island. Zakar Setian died in 1963. In 1968 Armenouhi married Charles Souramian of California, who died in 1972.

In 1986, Armenouhi returned to Rhode Island and was residing in Warwick at the time of her death.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

*Ishkanian, George
Massapequa, NY August 30, 1987
Distchekian, Jose
Sao Paulo, Brazil Sept. 14, 1987

Amiralian, Garabed	
Sao Paulo, Brazil	Oct. 2, 1987
Der-Ghazarian, Yoprem	
N. Hollywood, CA	Oct. 11, 1987
Gaidzakian, George	
Sao Paulo, Brazil	Oct. 22, 1987
Janjigian, Hagop	
Long Island, NY	Oct. 22, 1987
Bezjian, Antranig	
Philadelphia, PA	Nov. 1, 1987
Orchanian, Azniv	
Los Angeles, CA	Nov. 4, 1987
Nersesian-Nason, Agnes	
Malden, MA	Nov. 5, 1987
Taylor, Wallace	
Fort Lee, NJ	Nov. 8, 1987
*Berberian, Dicran	
Loudonville, NY	Nov. 11, 1987
Agnerian, The Rev. H.	
Montreal, Canada	Nov. 17, 1987
*Gurlekian, Nectar	
N. Hollywood, CA	Nov. 20, 1987
*Kizirian, Bob	
Fresno, CA	Nov. 22, 1987
*Yessayan, Haiganoush	
Watertown, MA	Nov. 23, 1987
Sousamian, Armenouhi	
Whittier, CA	Nov. 28, 1987
*Kalagian, Tabeta	
Albany, NY	Nov. 30, 1987
Kumjian, Alice	
Los Angeles, CA	Dec. 5, 1987
*Boayjian, Paul	
Troy, NY	Dec. 12, 1987
*Kossayan, Yester	
New Britain, NY	Dec. 12, 1987
*Hovnanian, Dr. August	
Euclid, OH	Dec. 16, 1987
*Megerian, John	
Muttontown, NY	Dec. 17, 1987
Iskiyan, A. Lincoln	
Massapequa, NY	Dec. 18, 1987
Bagdoyan, Lydia	
Clarksburg, MD	Dec. 27, 1987
Avedian, Sion	
River Edge, NJ	Jan. 1, 1988
*Bandeian, Alice	
Holyoke, MA	Jan. 7, 1988
Krikorian, Acabi-Aimee	
Oradell, NJ	Jan. 10, 1988
*Bedikian, Marie	
Leonia, NJ	Jan. 14, 1988
*Manoushagian, Paul	
Gehijian, Nazareth	
Arlington, MA	
*Peloian, Harry	
Apoian, Elizabeth	
Philadelphia, PA	

*Memorials were designated for AMAA.

**Bequest Assigned.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF
ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL UNION OF
NORTH AMERICA
AND
THE SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE ARMENIAN
EVANGELICAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

July 6-10, 1988

at

The Hilton, Burbank, California

and

**The United Armenian Congregational Church of
Hollywood As Host**

Armenian Missionary Association of America
140 Forest Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652

MR. JACK TOROSIAN*
666 WEST 207 ST.
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10034

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Paramus, NJ
Permit No.55